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JFK test 'shows' 4 shots

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (UPI) — Tests on a tape recording made from the open microphone of a police motorcycle revealed "beyond a reasonable doubt" that a shot was fired from the grassy knoll in Dallas' Dealey Plaza when John F. Kennedy was killed, a House Assassinations Committee member said Wednesday.

In Washington, the panel met in executive session but sent word it would not comment on the remarks made by Rep. Harold Sawyer, R-Mich. The committee had considered the tape earlier and heard testimony on it.

Asked how the information differed from that previously explored by the committee, Sawyer said, "These are new. They are based in large part on the raw material the others were. These are refinements. These are extensions and refinements."

"We were just really zeroing in on a final report when we had this very disturbing evidence presented," Sawyer said.

The shot from the knoll would be in addition to three that the Warren Commission concluded Lee Harvey Oswald fired from the Texas School Book Depository across the plaza.

Government investigators have said all previous evidence indicates Oswald was the lone gunman responsible for the Kennedy killing 15 years ago in Dallas.

In a Grand Rapids radio debate, Sawyer said the new analysis reaching the panel in Washington early this week "poses a kind of 11th-hour problem."

The committee officially ends its 2-year, \$5 million investigation into the Kennedy and Martin Luther King assassinations on Dec. 31.

Sawyer said, "absolutely at variance with the evidence developed up to now" and "no support for suspicion of an assassination conspiracy."

The experts say, as a result of their studies, is a 95-percent-plus probability that the

third shot of a series of four shots was fired from the grassy knoll," he said.

He said more than one person would have had to be involved in the assassination "if, in fact, a shot was fired from the grassy knoll." He said the analysis raises "strong evidence, if not overwhelming, of a conspiracy."

Despite the new development, Sawyer said he does not expect committee members to ask the house to extend the life of the panel beyond the end of this year.

"I honestly cannot say at this time what the committee is going to do," he said. "The evidence poses a severe problem."

The congressman said the committee already has started examining a 400-page draft of its final report and now would have to rework it.